

**Absent**

**Hazlewood                      Wagonseller**

**Absent—Excused**

**Weinert**

**Senate Resolution 144**

Senator Willis offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery Hon. Howard M. Fender, District Attorney of Tarrant County; and

Whereas, He is an outstanding graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and compiled an enviable war record in World War II; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially welcome Mr. Fender, and that he be extended the privileges of the floor for today.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Willis presented the Honorable Howard Fender to the Members of the Senate.

**Message From the Governor**

The following message received from the Governor today was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations of the Governor:

Austin, Texas,  
March 11, 1953.

To the Senate of the Fifty-third Legislature:

Please consider this my request to withdraw my message to the Senate dated March 9, 1953 and substitute the attached message.

Respectfully submitted,  
**ALLAN SHIVERS,**  
Governor of Texas.

Austin, Texas,  
March 11, 1953.

To the Senate of the Fifty-third Legislature:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

To be Judge of the 134th Judicial District Court to fill the unexpired term of Honorable W. M. Taylor, Jr., resigned, effective April 1, 1953: Charles E. Long, Jr., of Dallas, Dallas County;

To be Branch Pilots for the Port of

Houston on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for two-year terms to expire March 9, 1955: Henry Corry of Harris County, W. E. Dunlap of Harris County.

Respectfully submitted,  
**ALLAN SHIVERS,**  
Governor of Texas.

**House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading**

The following bills and resolutions received from the House today were read the first time and held by the President pro tempore for referral to committees at a later date:

H. B. No. 241, H. B. No. 120, H. J. R. No. 10, H. C. R. No. 42.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Hardeman the Senate at 11:43 o'clock a. m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m. on Monday, March 16, 1953.

**Record of Vote**

Senator Phillips and Willis asked to be recorded as voting "nay" on the motion to adjourn.

**THIRTY-SECOND DAY**

(Monday, March 16, 1953)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

<b>Aikin</b>	<b>McDonald</b>
<b>Ashley</b>	<b>Moffett</b>
<b>Bell</b>	<b>Moore</b>
<b>Bracewell</b>	<b>Parkhouse</b>
<b>Colson</b>	<b>Phillips</b>
<b>Corbin</b>	<b>Rogers</b>
<b>Fuller</b>	<b>of Childress</b>
<b>Hardeman</b>	<b>Rogers of Travis</b>
<b>Hazlewood</b>	<b>Russell</b>
<b>Kazen</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>
<b>Kelley</b>	<b>Sadler</b>
<b>Lane</b>	<b>Secrest</b>
<b>Latimer</b>	<b>Shireman</b>
<b>Lock</b>	<b>Wagonseller</b>
<b>Martin</b>	<b>Willis</b>

**Absent—Excused**

**Strauss                      Weinert**

A quorum was announced present.

The Invocation was offered by the

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, as follows:

Our Father, we would come into thy presence with clean hands and a pure heart; remembering that thou hast said "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Give us eyes to see the wonder of thy love, the riches of thy grace, and the terror of thy judgments. For Christ's sake. Amen.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, March 12, 1953, was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

#### Leave of Absence

Senator Strauss was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Bell.

Senator Weinert was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness on motion of Senator Lane.

#### Senate Concurrent Resolution 29

Senator Moffett offered the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 29, Relating to recent catastrophe of nature in Knox and Haskell Counties.

Whereas, The communities of Knox City, O'Brien and Judd, in Knox and Haskell Counties, State of Texas, were undeservedly visited by a full-fledged tornado on the afternoon of Friday, March 13, 1953; and

Whereas, Said natural catastrophe caused the loss of fifteen lives and serious or critical injuries to at least fifty other people, and also brought about a property loss of more than One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars; and

Whereas, A portion of this storm damage consisted of the almost total wreckage of the Knox County Hospital, which was in the direct path of the tornado, and which hospital served as the principal and almost the only seat of hospitalization for more than 10,000 people; and

Whereas, This portion of Texas was already suffering from one of the most severe drouths ever known, and thus was already in straitened financial circumstances; and

Whereas, The American Red Cross has extended temporary assistance consisting of first aid to the injured

and other customary services rendered by such organization; and

Whereas, Other and more definite and enlarged financial aid is sorely needed by the communities of Knox City, O'Brien and Judd, in Knox and Haskell Counties; and

Whereas, Organized efforts are now being initiated to supply much needed financial assistance to the communities affected, particularly by the Wichita Falls Daily Times and Record News, and by other organizations whose names are not presently available; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, does hereby fully endorse the efforts of all agencies and persons now contributing to the relief of the affected areas, and also fully endorses such programs of collecting financial assistance as are now or may hereafter be initiated, and calls upon all Texans to donate funds to the full extent of their ability to assist in alleviating the sufferings of those who in many instances have lost their homes and all personal belongings, and also to assist in the restoration of urgently needed hospital facilities in an area where same is sorely needed, and which it will be most difficult to restore under the most favorable conditions.

MOFFETT  
SADLER

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Moffett, and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

#### Senate Resolution 145

Senator Russell offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Girls' Basketball Team of Whitesboro High School, the "Bearkeetes" represented their district in the State AA-A Conference Meet held in the Capital City on March 12-14; and

Whereas, Whitesboro, Texas, and Grayson County are proud of these girls whose outstanding performance and skill on the basketball court carried them to the finals as one of the two best teams in the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, that the Bearkeetes who won a silver cup, the award for runner-up of the AA-A Conference and Coach Ben Reid be congratulated for their out-

standing athletic ability and be highly commended for the wonderful sportsmanship displayed throughout the tournament.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Senate Resolution 146

Senator Fuller offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery of the Senate, Mrs. Eloise Milam and her Melody Maids from Beaumont, Texas, who are here for a performance before a Joint Session of the Legislature; and

Whereas, These girls are honoring us today with their presence in the Capitol Building and the Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That these guests be officially welcomed and recognized by the Senate, and that they be extended the courtesies of the floor for the day.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Senate Bill 284 on First Reading

Senator Wagonseller moved that Senate Rule 114 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended to permit his introducing at this time, a bill, the provisions of which he explained.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—27

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Moore
Bell	Parkhouse
Bracewell	Phillips
Colson	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Hazlewood	Rogers of Travis
Kazen	Russell
Kelley	Rutherford
Lane	Sadler
Latimer	Secrest
Lock	Shireman
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	Willis

Absent

Corbin Fuller

Absent—Excused

Strauss Weinert

The following bill was then introduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

By Senator Wagonseller:

S. B. No. 284, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6820, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, as amended in 1949 by the Fifty-first Legislature, increasing the expense allowance of District Judges and District Attorneys under certain conditions; repealing all laws in conflict and providing a severability clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

#### Senate Bill 285 on First Reading

Senator Moore moved that Senate Rule 114 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended to permit his introducing at this time, a bill, the provisions of which he explained.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—28

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Moore
Bell	Parkhouse
Bracewell	Phillips
Colson	Rogers
Corbin	of Childress
Hardeman	Rogers of Travis
Hazlewood	Russell
Kazen	Rutherford
Kelley	Sadler
Lane	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Willis
McDonald	

Absent

Fuller

Absent—Excused

Strauss Weinert

The following bill was then introduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

By Senator Moore:

S. B. No. 285, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the Insurance Code, Chapter 6, Acts 52nd Legislature, 1951, Chapter 491, regulating fire and marine companies by amending Article 6.16 providing for the regulations of reinsurance of insurance written by companies licensed to do business in the State of Texas writing fire and allied lines of insurance, and the regulation of reinsurance written by

foreign insurance companies, imposing upon the Board of Insurance Commissions certain duties relative to reinsurance; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Insurance.

#### Senate Resolution 147

Senator Lock offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery the Government class of the Luling High School accompanied by Drew H. Reese, Principal; and

Whereas, These students and guests are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine class of young American citizens are here to observe and learn firsthand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest, and that a copy of this resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Lock, in the absence of Senator Weinert, presented the class and Mr. Reese to the Members of the Senate.

#### Joint Session

The President at 10:55 o'clock a. m. announced pursuant to the provisions of H. C. R. No. 28 the time had arrived for a Joint Session to hear a program by the Melody Maids of Beaumont.

Accordingly, the President and Senators present repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Senators were announced at the Bar of the House and were admitted and escorted to seats already prepared for them along the aisle.

The President, by invitation of the Speaker of the House, occupied a seat on the Speaker's stand.

The President called the Senate to order and announced a quorum of the Senate present.

The Speaker of the House an-

nounced the purpose of the Joint Session and requested the members of the House to register. A quorum of the House was announced present.

The Melody Maids accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. Eloise Minor, were escorted to the Speaker's stand by Representatives Smith of Jefferson, Lee, Ross, Daniel, Carpenter and Senator Fuller.

The Speaker introduced Mr. Will Lee Smith and Mr. Smith presented Mrs. Minor to the Joint Session. Mrs. Minor gave some of the history of the Melody Maids and then presented them in songs and readings to the Joint Session.

Senator Fuller on behalf of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House and the Members of the Senate and of the House thanked the Melody Maids for their performance.

At the conclusion of the program the President announced the purpose of the Joint Session concluded and requested the Senate to retire to its chamber.

#### In Legislative Session

The President called the Senate to order as in Legislative Session at 11:55 o'clock a. m.

#### Reports of Standing Committees

By unanimous consent, Senator Hardeman submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,  
March 16, 1953.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred H. B. No. 64, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as amended and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas,  
March 16, 1953.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred H. B. No. 107, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report

it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas,  
March 16, 1953.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred S. B. No. 213, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas,  
March 16, 1953.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred H. B. No. 332, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

#### Senate Resolution 148

Senator Rogers of Childress offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the Capital City, Mr. and Mrs. J. Claude Wells of Memphis, Hall County, Texas; and

Whereas, This distinguished Panhandle pioneer couple represents the very best of our great Texas heritage of clean living, civic and public service, and devotion to high ideals and vision; and

Whereas, Claude Wells has served honorably as Mayor of Memphis, Texas, longer than any other citizen: four consecutive terms; and

Whereas, Mr. Wells has headed every office available in his home town, including the office of President of the Chamber of Commerce, President of the Rotary Club, County Chairman of the Democratic Party, a State Delegate to the National Democratic Convention, and many other offices; and

Whereas, He has been President of the Panhandle Press Association and has been rewarded and recognized many times with honors from the Texas Press Association and other newspaper organizations; and

Whereas, The services and good works of J. Claude Wells are without number; and

Whereas, In all his mature adulthood he has had the love, devotion, and blessing of a good and noble wife, Mrs. Pearl Wells; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially welcome and recognize these visitors, and that they be extended the privileges of the floor for today.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Message From the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,  
March 16, 1953.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing House Bill No. 223, Chapter 141, Acts of the Fifty-second Legislature, Regular Session, 1951; re-enacting and amending Sections 140, 141, and 142, Article XV of Senate Bill No. 172, Chapter 421, Acts of the Fiftieth Legislature, Regular Session, 1947; providing for the compulsory inspection, adjustment, correction or repair of motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers, pole trailers and house trailers under the supervision of the Texas Department of Public Safety; providing for the designation of official inspection stations and the regulation of such stations; providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; providing for inspection fees, methods of payment, the disposition of such fees; creating a fund for the administration of this act and providing for the disposition of said funds; providing for the administration and enforcement of these sections; making an appropriation; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 35, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Law of Texas by amending Sections 6, 7, 7a, 7b, and 12f of Article 8306, Section 4 of Article 8307, and Article 8309a, as amended; providing chiropractic examinations and services for employees covered by the Act; providing that chiropractors shall be paid

for such examinations and services; providing for employment of chiropractors by subscribers or the Texas Employers Insurance Association; providing for chiropractic examination of employees before the Industrial Accident Board or its authorized representatives; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 384, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 41, Acts of the 41st Legislature, Second Called Session, 1929, Ch. 41, p. 71, so as to provide for designation by cities and towns of routes for superheavy and oversize equipment used in the transportation of such commodities as cannot be reasonably dismantled on State highways through said cities and towns; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 580, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing any independent school district created and operating under a Special Law or Laws to adopt an alternative method for the election, term and number of trustees for such district; prescribing such alternative method; and declaring an emergency."

S. C. R. No. 29, Relating to recent catastrophe of nature in Knox and Haskell Counties.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE JONES,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### Bill Signed

The President signed, in the presence of the Senate, after the caption had been read, the following enrolled bill:

H. B. No. 275, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sec. 16, Article 8308, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict, providing a savings clause; and declaring an emergency."

#### House Bill on First Reading

The following bill, received from the House today, was read and was referred to the committee indicated:

H. B. No. 35, To the Committee on State Affairs.

#### Committee Substitute

#### Senate Bill 126 on Second Reading

Senator Hazlewood moved to call from the President's table S. B. No. 126, which was read the second time

on Tuesday, February 24, 1953, and laid on the table subject to call.

Question—Shall C. S. S. B. No. 126 be called from the President's table?

#### Recess

On motion of Senator Bell, the Senate at 12:08 o'clock p. m. took recess until 10:00 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

### THIRTY-SECOND DAY

(Continued)

(Tuesday, March 17, 1953)

#### After Recess

The Senate met at 10:00 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by the President.

#### Leave of Absence

Senator Moore was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Corbin.

#### Senate Bills Referred

The President referred the following Senate Bills, which were introduced and read the first time on Thursday, March 12, 1953, to the committees indicated:

S. B. No. 262, to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

S. B. No. 245, to the Committee on Finance.

S. B. No. 246, to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

S. B. No. 247, to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

S. B. No. 248, to the Committee on State Affairs.

S. B. No. 249, to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

S. B. No. 250, to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

S. B. No. 251, to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

S. B. No. 252, to the Committee on State Affairs.

S. B. No. 253, to the Committee on State Affairs.